

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of the invention can be used to select a part from a computer-aided design (CAD) display on a client device, and to generate an electronic purchase order with a server through interaction of the client device and server over a network. The

5 CAD display can be generated by the client device with a browser that has a CAD display plug-in module to permit display of a CAD drawing. The CAD drawing can display part(s) associated with reference(s), and part data accessible to the server can be stored in association with such reference(s). Upon the user's selection of a part having a reference, the client device transmits this reference to the server via the network. The

10 server receives the reference and uses it to access the part data for generation of the electronic purchase order. The part data can include part identification data and price data for the selected part. The part can be for an automobile, truck, boat, aircraft, or machine, for example. The server can store the electronic purchase order for later retrieval by part suppliers, shippers, carriers, or financial institutions for transfer of

15 funds for the part purchase. The invention also extends to related methods, a system, a database storage unit, computer-readable and signal transmission media, as well as a data structure.